IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs on page 11, lines 3-21 as follows:

-- The copy control information generating block 5 comprises a copy generation managing information generating block ~~51~~ 501, a copy count managing information generating block 502 ~~52~~, and a start/end flag generating block 503 ~~53~~.

In the present embodiment, 2-bit CGMS information is used for the copy generation managing information generated by the copy generation managing information generating block 501 ~~51~~. For the copy count managing information, the information about the copy permitted count for each piece of information content determined by copyright holder is used. This copy permitted count information is 3 bits wide in this example, specifying the number of times copy is permitted; zero time (copy prohibited), once, twice, ..., infinite (copy free).

The start/end flag generating block 503 ~~53~~ generates a start flag and an end flag indicative of the start and end of a portion covered by copyright. These start flag and end flag are each 1-bit information.--